

REGATTA IS ASSURED FOR POTOMAC RIVER

Civic Bodies Will Foster
Event If National
Plan Fails.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS SUFFERING HEAVILY

Authorities Determined to Have
Rules Lived Up To—Gossip
of the Sporting World.

Even should Washington not be awarded the national regatta, the probability is that there will be at least one water carnival on the Potomac this year.

The joint committee of the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce, having in charge the plans for the celebration of the Fourth of July, has under consideration an idea to hold a regatta on that day.

The committee met yesterday, and it was decided not to take definite action until after the return from New York of Claude H. Zappone, Mr. Zappone will attend the sessions of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen to present Washington's bid, and will then consult with Commissioner Rudolph concerning the Fourth of July affair.

No letters have yet been considered, but the proposed card includes races and other aquatic sports.

There was many an individual who were the green yesterday who might be classed with certain parties whose "Southern Blood" is stirred by the strains of "Dixie," but whose knowledge of and association with the Southland is limited to a moonlight excursion down the Potomac.

Football Field Here.

Since the announcement of the purchase of National Park and the intention of the Washington ball club to erect a modern ball plant on the site, there has been considerable uneasiness among the football enthusiasts of this city lest there be no place for the games next fall.

This morning President Noyes said that there was little reason for such worry for whatever was done with the grounds would not be started until late in the winter. Before considering any plans, a study will be made of all the parks recently built, as it is the intention of the Washington owners to combine the best features that have been brought out in other cities.

Whatever has to be razed can be done in the late winter months and the work of erection started about one year from the present time.

In the meantime there is little likelihood of interference with the arrangements being made for the football campaign by George Washington and other teams.

Hats off to Joe Cannon, champion 120-pound Marathon sticker of modern times!

For twenty hours he retained his serenity, which is going some in this vicinity.

High Schools Strict.

That the win-at-any-cost spirit does not control the athletics of the Washington high schools, is thoroughly demonstrated by the announcement of the disqualification of a number of the most prominent athletes in the schools for failure to come up to the scholastic requirements.

One of the principal objections advanced by reformers against college athletics in this country is that the demand for victory overshadows all other considerations, and that the eligibility codes are made elastic in order to insure larger scores.

But those who have in charge the conduct of sports here view the situation differently. Starring in athletics does not guarantee special privileges, but, on the contrary, those who perform on diamond, gridiron, and track are forced to be among the leaders in the classroom.

For the while the stand is a severe how, but the principle will work beneficially. The athletes are now coming to a realization of the fact that studying is primary and athletics secondary in the scheme laid down by the Board of Education.

Athletics are desirable—almost essential to the successful training of a young man, but the sooner those who figure prominently in any branch understand that the principals intend to live up to the rules at all cost, the better will be the quality of sport.

An ineligible athlete is worse than none, for he must be depended upon only to leave his team unprepared when he is barred.

Virginia is aroused because certain Senators had whisky sent from Richmond to their homes in boxes. Surely that's preferable to having them carry it with them.

Cantillon at Minneapolis.

That Joe Cantillon profited by his stay in Washington is shown by looking over the list of Minneapolis players.

Among the men upon whom Cantillon will depend are Olie Pickering, Dave Altizer, Orth Collins, Otis Clymer, Tom Hughes, Nick Altrock, "Kiddo" Wilson, and Jim Block.

The club will be conducted exclusively by the Cantillons. Mike will watch the turnstiles and sign checks, while Joe will guide the team in the field. Two of the worst setbacks the team has suffered has been the refusal of "Jiggs" Donohue and Hobe Ferris to report.

To say that Walter Johnson is not a hold-out but simply a player who refuses to sign is like declaring that a certain class of women are not suffragettes but mere members of the League of Unrepresented Taxpayers.

A Maryland woman severed a finger in taking apart a dress with which she was dissatisfied. Another case of how you sew, so should you rip.

Scholastic Trip Off.

The chance of an All-Washington scholastic baseball team going to Princeton or Pennsylvania this spring, appears to be in remote.

For several years these trips have been among the most attractive features of the inter-high school season, but the impossibility of arriving at a date has made it practically impossible to have them arranged.

Pennsylvania decided some time ago not to invite a team from Washington, while the schedule of the Princeton freshmen, announced yesterday, contains no date with a Capital visit. For some time the Princeton alumni here have been working on the plan, but there were too many other teams that had completed arrangements with the Tiger Cubs.

GEORGETOWN PRODUCT IS GEORGE E. BROWNE

Our Hero Felt No Depression About His Birthplace.
Began Professional Career With the Lynchburg
Club—Showing Lots of Ginger This Season.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

NORFOLK, Va., March 18.—Fortunate for the peace of mind of Manager James McAleer and the overcrowded columns of the Washington newspapers, the George Edward under McAleer's wing this year is not George Edward Waddell, but George Edward Browne, a native son of the Capital.

G. E. Browne was born in Georgetown thirty-four years ago. In those days Georgetown and Washington were not so near apart as they are farther together now. Throughout the period of his early youth Georgetown served the purpose that Alexandria, Va., serves at present, as the f.c.l for the jokers of the burlesque comedians, and the almost-mutualism at its expense elicit of the invariable two-day laughs. There was much work for the fool-killer and the humane societies in that formative period of George's and Georgetown's careers, and that an organization with a paid secretary and a suffragette board of managers to stop the scandal was not formed has always seemed to us a gross oversight.

Fate Pursues It.

But, Alexandria yet remains the helpless victim of burlesque-show ridicule, and New England still has an abundance of financial secretaries out of a job. We have great hopes that the International Association for the Suppression of Jokes about the Secretary and don't forget to subscribe to the official magazine—may enter the field ere long. John Temple Graves was the Alexandria of Atlanta for so long there can be no doubt that he would be willing to make a stirring address at the first meeting of the McMillen and Jack Oliver went to Alexandria once and know it is no joke. They also will contribute—experience.

Our George Edward was not depressed by the misfortunes of his birthplace and entered actively upon a useful life by playing the outfield for the Washington Light Infantry Company. He soon attracted attention and in 1896 signed with Lynchburg, Va., an excellent school for the nerves as well as for baseball. They still tell the tale of the hectic rooster down there who, in a critical moment, shot a fly ball with a shot gun as it was sailing toward the hands of a visiting fielder, thereby saving the game.

In 1897 George E. was with the Atlantic City semi-professional team. George was a professional, and strictly college amateurs, who mostly had signed names other than their own while unduly excited by the salt sea air, were the semis. The difference was that a professional had money handed to him every first and fifteenth of the month, while the amateurs had their

slipped to them at odd intervals when they were not looking. This was quite a difference, too, more than you would suspect. One class could play college football and run in strictly amateur meets with a clear conscience, while the other class couldn't compete in college athletics at all.

Progressed Easily.

Our hero could not see this palpable difference, but he was no worse off than the facilities of some of our very best colleges, which still publicly blind upon summer baseball. This faculty blindness is one of the mysteries of the age, comparable with what the suffragettes will do with the vote after they get it. George Edward progressed easily and logically in his chosen line of endeavor. In 1898 he was with Dubuque, Iowa, in the Western League; in 1899 with Auburn in the New York State League; in 1900 with Toronto in the Eastern League; and opened 1901 with the Philadelphia National League club. After a month's trial in Philadelphia he was bought by McGraw for the New York Giants.

G. E. Browne was one of the New York Giants in 1902 and 1903. He was one of the same when the Giants won the National League pennant in 1904 and 1905. In 1906 he was traded to the Boston Nationals for Tenney, Needham, and Bridwell. Under this arrangement Browne played right field for Boston in 1906.

Frank Chance bought Browne for the Chicago Cubs in 1906, but somehow or other Browne did not fit into the scheme of the Cubs and was sent to the Washington Senators. He played great ball for the Senators in 1907 and 1908. This year his props are strong and he shows a world of pepper and ginger in his work. He was recently married and his home address is Westchester, N. Y.

If there is one man on the Washington squad who is getting the unanimous glad hand from his collaborators it is Clyde Milan. The boy has a lot of good points as a ball player and the other men know it. They are not only encouraging him but giving him much sage advice. Wild Conroy and Germany Schaefer have especially been giving him points on batting. They had the little outfielder cornered, in the billiard room at the hotel, while the gang was resting up yesterday morning, and drilled the theory of batting into him until he was blue in the face. Then, when they went out for a noon practice, they usurped McAleer's job as boss, and had Milan bunt, bunt, bunt, with a friendly criticism after every effort.

If Bob Groom could only shoot billiards in accordance with the advice he gives other people he would make Houston take to the brush.

STREET AND WALKER BOTH MISS WORK

By THOMAS S. RICE.

NORFOLK, Va., March 18.—Charlie Street and Dixie Walker were among the missing this morning when the practice of the Washington squad began. Street's ankle is still bothering him and Walker had a severe cold. Walker is also worried because he has not heard from his wife for two weeks and spent a large part of the morning running around looking for the letters he thinks must be here.

An even gladder sign of spring than the gladiolus bulb that Bill Nye did not dot upon, is the heavy hitting by Doc Gessler. The sawbones is winning a summer supply of smokers by betting a cigar that he will hit the fence on the fly every time he comes to bat. He put one ball over yesterday afternoon and smashed a half dozen near the top this morning.

Joe Ohl was first on the slab today and went good enough, but his jerky delivery creates the impression that he would not last long in a grueling major league season.

Gray and Reisinger were also put through their paces. Gray is beginning to curve one now and then, but McAleer will not stand for too much of that this early. The pitchers are feeling so good that McAleer has had to give up his determination to have no curves from anybody until April 1. It is not likely that much more than straight balls will be used in the game with Norfolk.

If Walker does not feel more spry tomorrow the pitchers will be Ohl, Reisinger and Gray, but Walker's indisposition is only temporary.

Those who have had an idea that Wild Conroy is all in should see him at the ball park today. There is no more active man on the team and he is hitting the ball twice as well as he did this time last year at Galveston. McAleer scouts all the yards that Walker Johnson has any serious intention of not reporting unless a big increase in salary is granted. He started today with the utmost positiveness that Johnson would be on hand when the club got to Washington. Bob Groom is working hard to get ready. He is not as sure as he is expected to be, and is even more enthusiastic and confident than last year. This is going some, for lack of confidence is not his failing.

W. JOHNSON COMING TO TALK OVER TERMS

Walter Johnson is on his way here.

In response to President Noyes' telegram, the big pitcher has notified the officials of the Washington ball club that he will reach here by Sunday, and will talk over the matter of his contract.

President Noyes is confident that no further trouble will be experienced with Johnson. The difference in money is comparatively small, and, it is believed, can be arranged without much trouble.

Surprise was expressed at headquarters over the special from Norfolk saying that Bob Groom will not sign. Groom sent word several weeks ago that he was perfectly satisfied with the terms offered him.

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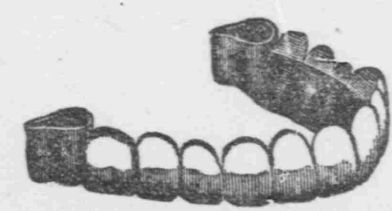
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